

Subject: [gbird] UN CBD Synbio Online Forum Schedule Released

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Hi Everyone,

Apologies if you have received this multiple times.

They have released the schedule for the CBD online forum. I've copied below the important dates. You can also go here (<https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/calendar.shtml>) to find out more, including to see what the submissions look like from the open call. Please let me know if you would like more details on the process and/or updates as the forum proceeds.

I was planning on reaching out to individuals throughout the process only if specific expertise is needed, or if someone on the forum calls out individuals' research that needs a response.

3-17 July Topic 1: Review recent technological developments within the field of synthetic biology to assess if the developments could lead to impacts on biodiversity and the three objectives of the Convention, including unexpected and significant impacts

17-31 July Topic 2: Identify any living organisms already developed or currently under research and development through techniques of synthetic biology which do not fall under the definition of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol;

4-18 Sept Topic 3: Further analyze evidence of benefits and adverse effects of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention, and gather information on risk management measures, safe use and best practices for safe handling of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology

AND topic 4: In order to avoid or minimize any potential negative effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, evaluate the availability of tools to detect and monitor the organisms, components and products of synthetic biology;

18 Sept-2 Oct Topic 5: provide recommendations on the basis of its deliberations to facilitate future discussions and actions on synthetic biology under the Convention, as well as an analysis against the criteria set out in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29 to contribute to the completion of the assessment requested in paragraph 2 of decision XII/24 by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

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